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The experience of EU importer with GSP - Form A

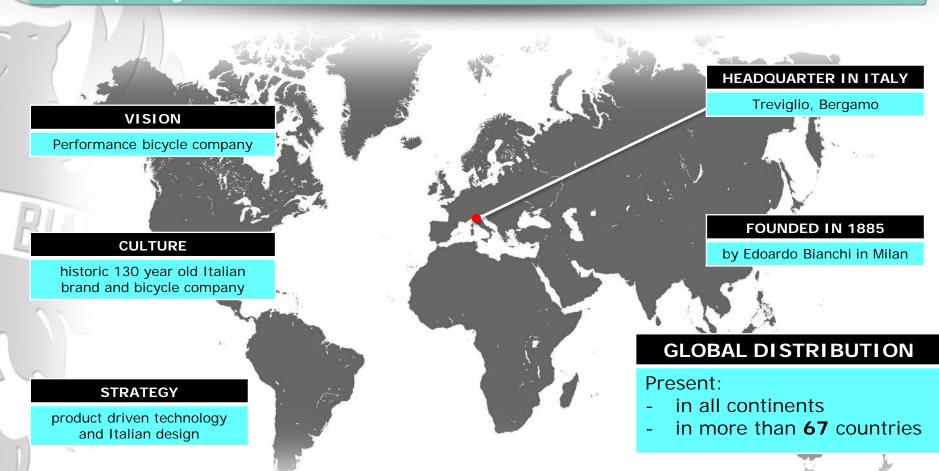


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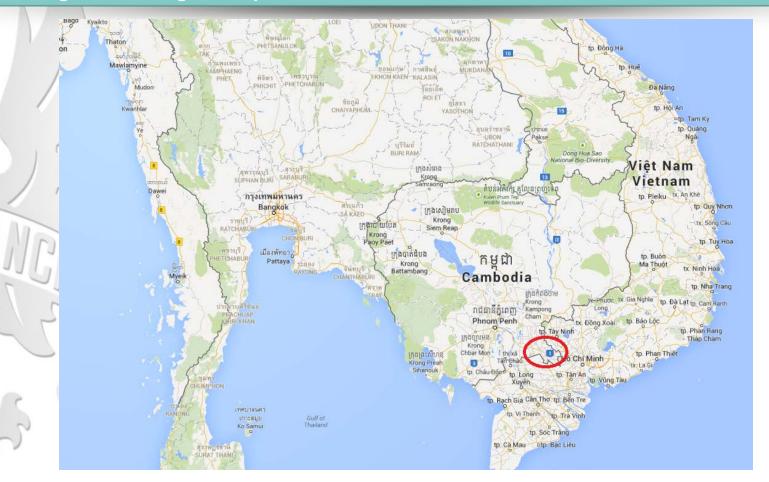
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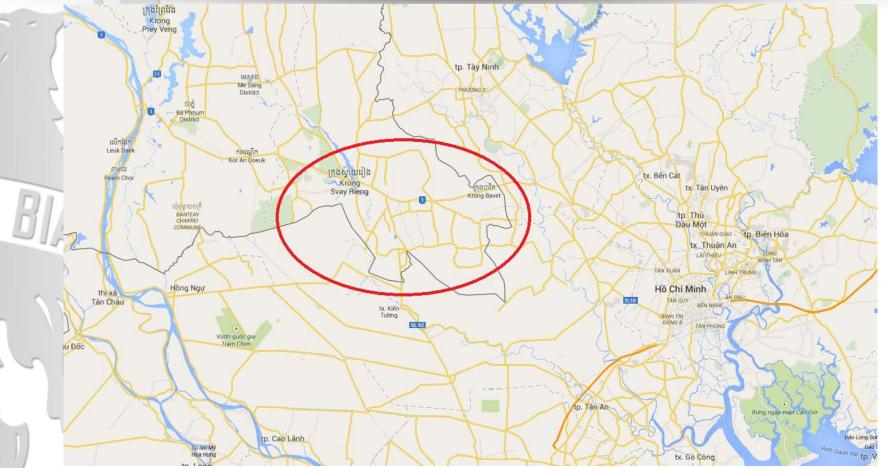
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A large number of Tawainese bicycle manufacturers set up operations in Vietnam after 2000, attracted by the four-year tax reduction and tax exemption incentives offered by the Vietnamese government.

When the EU implemented anti-dumping duties in 2005 against bikes and parts produced in Vietnam, it dealt a body blow to complete bicycle exporters and devasted the parts industry in the country.

As result, Tawainese complete bicycle producers were forced to move to Cambodia or Thailand, return to Tawain or shut down completely.





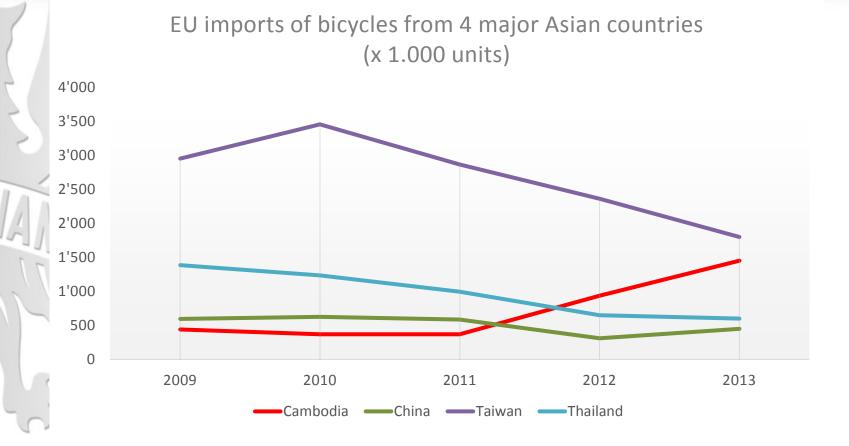
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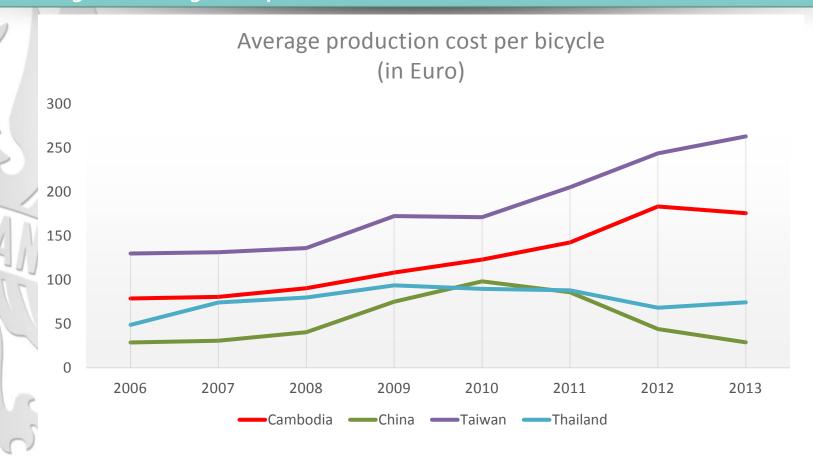
The GSP system of prefence allows for LDC countries to export everything but arms to the EU, duty free providing the said goods can meet the criteria as laid down in the annex 13 of regulation (EEC) no. 2454/1993.

To apply 0% duty Form A is required.

Form A is a document that grantes that there is enough local content in the goods exported to EU:

- 1. The cost of materials not complying with ASEAN cumulation max 30%
- 2. Specific manufacture activities (wheels assembly, painting, ...) have to be made in Cambodia

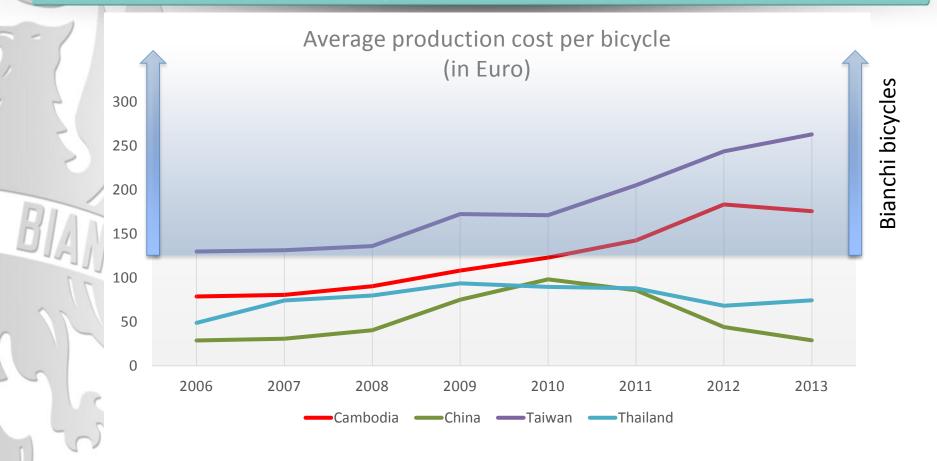






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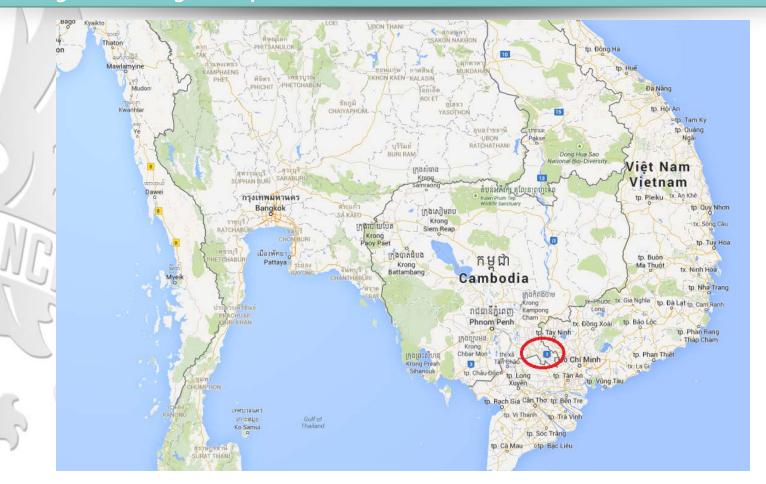
- Cambodia has proven to be able to produce quite midhigh quality bikes, which normally we would only find from Taiwan
- 2. Cambodia is a preferred supply option due to the 14% duty saving, compared to Taiwan
- 3. The form A facilitates the duty free, and because it is issued by a Government body, it gives to Bianchi the feeling of safety that the RoO are being followed

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Downsides

- 1. Italian customs demonstrated and demonstrates to have some doubts in believing the form A from Cambodia. The reason is because not always the goods have been shipped from Cambodian ports instead of the much closer and more convenient HCM port
- 2. Logistical costs of shipments from Cambodian ports increase the FOB prices over say Taiwan or Vietnam, so the duty saving is partially eroded. Freight cost is higher compare to HK or Taiwan but transportation time is almost the same



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Worries

- Worried about rule changes and GSP/LDC status as moving production to an alternative source takes a lot of time and work
- 2. Worried about strikes and disruptions to production as has happen in the past
- 3. As consequence the labor cost is expected to rise

Worries - 1. Rule changes and GSP/LDC status

1. Risk connected to Form A:

- a) ASEAN countries that are contributing to cumulative Form A may be progressively reduced
- b) Working or processing which confers originating status may be changed

2. EU regulation:

EU commission, worried about the high performance of Cambodia production, could introduce more restrictions and duties in order to protect the EU local industry



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